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## COLUMBIA A SMALLER CENTER

What St. Louis and Kansas City have planned to do regarding a cross-state highway, Columbia should do about county roads. St. Louis business men saw that it was to their interest to rock the Old Trails Road and are at work raising \$150,000 to aid the counties along the route. St. Louis saw that if the cross-state road was to be built, the two cities at the ends of it must do much work because they will receive the greatest benefit.

The determination of the special road district commissioners to improve the Old Trail Road in Boone County and then to aid roads radiating from Columbia is a determination to establish a smaller center to make good county roads. If Boone County is to have good roads, Columbia must help a great deal to build them and to keep them up. A proposed contribution of \$100 or more for every \$100 raised by the district is, perhaps, the readiest way to get to work.

Good roads will help the farmers, to be sure, but they will help Columbia more. With the Old Trails Road for an example and an inspiration and aid ready for improvements, all Boone County may be lifted out of the mud.

A man in Richmond, Mo., who recently passed his eighty-fifth birthday still drives his own car. There are some drivers in Columbia who will never live to be that old.

## THE ETERNAL MASCULINE COOK

One whom the St. Louis Republic designates as a "mere man" wants to enter the Republic's Better House-keeping Club, issuing a challenge to his "Sister Sue." He says he can give most women twenty minutes start and then beat them getting breakfast.

Can you beat it? This "mere man" person hasn't a ghost of a notion how long it takes a woman to get breakfast. Any woman who used up twenty valuable minutes getting breakfast would have no more chance of keeping her husband than he would have of keeping his job if he kept such a wife. Twenty minutes!

Watch any competent housewife get breakfast. She skips down the back stairs, pours hot water into the percolator from the hot water faucet, measures in coffee and with one facile twist applies gas or electricity. Time, two minutes. She moves her breakfast dishes from the cupboard to a convenient tray, slides on the grapefruit which has been waiting in sugared grandeur in the icebox since the night before, fixes a pitcher of ice water and carries all to the dining table in one trip and distributes them. Time, three

minutes more. Then if the "mere man" is ready, the electric cord is detached from the percolator and applied to the toaster, which toasts the bread while the grapefruit is going the route of all the good grapefruits of yesterday.

The toast is ready when the steaming cereal is brought from the fireless cooker, where it was placed while the dinner was being prepared the night before. The total preparation has taken ten minutes, and the breakfast is perfect.

Twenty minutes indeed! Why the average Columbia housewife could get wood from the outside, carry water from the spring, and cook a corking campfire breakfast of coffee, bacon and eggs and biscuits in twenty minutes' time.

How long can you walk in Columbia without retracing your steps? Well, there are forty miles of sidewalks. Figure it out for yourself.

## A NATIONAL BUDGET

The strictest economy must be exercised by Congress this session. With an extensive preparedness program to be financed and the necessity of increased appropriations in general, the condition of the nation's treasury will not permit a great lot of wasted money. It will necessitate the handling of the money in a business-like way.

In our present system there is no connection whatever between the raising of revenue and the spending of it. Both are in the hands of several separate and distinct committees whose views are generally opposed. There is no attempt to balance revenue and expenditure. The result is that some departments are so nearly starved that they cannot do their work properly or else they are given too much. It depends upon how much "pull" a department has with the members of the committees. If a department isn't satisfied with the way the House committees provide for it, it tries to influence the Senate committee. Through the familiar practice of "log-rolling," an enormous amount of money is wasted annually on useless public works.

The present Congress will have to use business methods in the handling of funds. A budget is badly needed.

Is not the alley crossing a legitimate part of the public highway? Then why is it not included as a part of the street pavement?

## Looking Backward

## Seventy Years Ago.

"Jackson, the American deer, ran a foot race against time on the Canton course on the 24th ult. He accomplished 10½ miles in 57 minutes and 30 seconds, having 2½ minutes to spare."

"A convention is in session in Springfield, Ill., to devise ways and means for the construction of a railroad from Springfield to Alton."

## Fifty Years Ago.

"R. H. Smith and J. I. Hickman decided to erect a steam woolen factory in Columbia, and promised to have it in operation next July 1."

## Forty Years Ago.

"When a Chinese bank fails all the officers have their heads cut off and,

with the assets, flung in the corner. It has been some 500 years since there was a bank failure in that country."

"The inventor of steel writing-pens is living to see the sales reach six million a year."

## Twenty-Five Years Ago.

"Eugene Field, who is well known in Columbia and who has many friends here, has returned from an extended stay in Europe. He is a brilliant newspaper man and will resume work on the Chicago News."

## Fifteen Years Ago.

"One hog at one root can destroy the fairest flower that ever bloomed o'er hill and dale, and one habitual alarmist and chronic grumbler and kicker can destroy the well-directed efforts of a half a dozen men laboring for some enterprise that will be of inestimable benefit to the community."

## Five Years Ago.

Canvassers began selling the \$30,000 worth of condensed milk factory stock necessary to bring the factory to Columbia. Fourteen \$100 shares had been sold to date.

The staff of the Stephens College Collegian issued a "yellow extra."

## The Open Column

## Defends the City Council.

In answer to your argument against the action of the City Council in prohibiting the sale of cigarettes in Columbia, Mr. "Merchant," I would like to ask you to contribute another letter to the Open Column in which you present your views upon the following question: When it is possible for a city to bring about a reform within its own limits which is indisputably beneficial to the community, is it always expedient to be too conscientious about breaking away from what the state legalizes or does not legalize?

I understand that a very heartily supported statement was made before the Merchants' Association Monday night to the effect that the laws of the state of Missouri concerning the legal protection of merchants from loss on bad accounts are particularly antique and ill-founded. Cannot the legalizing of the sale of cigarettes on the part of the state also be antique and ill-founded? Impetus to certain reforms, it seems to me, should spring from the

people who are conscientious in matters of expedient means to public health, and not so much in matters of law.

M. T. R.

## Business and Morals.

Editor the Missourian: Some merchants protested to the City Council that the anti-cigarette law was invalid and should be repealed. They claim that "the only effect of attempting to enforce it will be to put the merchants of the city, who sell tobacco, to the expense of contesting same."

Perhaps the time will come when the views of all earnest folk will be guided by the desire to benefit the whole community; right or wrong will be weighed according to such standards. The merchants who signed the petition make no claim that the anti-cigarette law harms the community in any way; they only claim that it harms their business and that the law is invalid.

No one will be harmed by the lack of cigarettes. Money will be saved that was formerly spent for them. No one's beauty will be spoiled and no one's income will be interfered with except that of those who sell the "pills."

Since the anti-cigarette ordinance causes no severe discomfort except to the moneybags of a few, it had better stand and be enforced. It may do some good.

B. W.

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troduce New Idea There.

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Miss Haggart, who has been visit-  
ing the department of home eco-

nomics at the University, will leave for Manhattan tomorrow. The department of which she is head is one of the oldest in the United States, and has an enrollment of 900 girls.

For the Paderewski Concert.

The Phi Mu Alpha society requests that holders of season tickets present their tickets at the Missouri Store or Allen's tomorrow afternoon, between 2 and 5 o'clock, in order to receive a coupon entitling them to a reduction of 50 cents on the Paderewski concert, Wednesday, January 12.

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For tickets, berth reservation or other travel information tele-  
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## WABASH

Round trip fares to Southeast Missouri from Columbia, Mo.

Joplin	\$8.50	Willow Springs	12.65
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Jasper	7.50	Tulsa, Okla.	12.65
Lamar	7.50	Oklahoma City	17.55
Cartersville	8.50	Ft. Smith, Ark.	14.80
Mountain Grove	11.70	Ft. Scott, Kan.	7.25

Round trip fares to Southeast Missouri from Columbia, Route  
via the Wabash to Kansas City, and connecting lines. Tickets on  
sale December 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19th. Return limit January  
6th, 1916.

A special train for Kansas City will leave Columbia 4:30 p. m.,  
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City and beyond, this train will leave Columbia promptly at  
4:30 p. m.

## STUDENTS SPECIAL TRAIN

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For accommodation of students for St. Louis and Kansas City,  
and beyond, who get out of school at 11:00 a. m. Friday, Decem-  
ber 17th, the Wabash will run a special train leaving Columbia  
at 11:30 a. m. to connect with Wabash No. 3, arriving Kansas  
City, 5:30 p. m. and with No. 20, arriving St. Louis 3:50 p. m.  
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